(c) when did the construction start and what was the estimated cost then;

(d) whether the work has since been completed; if not, reasons for the same;

(e) the stage in which the work' is presently pending?

(f) the total amount spent for the construction of the Building as on date;

(g) how much more fund will be required to complete the Building; and

(h) by when the building is expected to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the' ICSSR, Jawaharlal Nehru University allotted 434 acres of land to ICSSR and 1 acre to its Northern Regional Centre in 1986 on its campus;

(c) The original estimated cost for the, complex comprising office block, guest house, hostel, Member-Secretary's residence and some residential units was 4.60 crores. However, the cost for construction of the administrative block, hostel, Member-Secretary's residence and guest house together with external development, etc. was revised to Rs. 2.44 crores. Con-s'ruction work was started in May, 1987. The revised cost of Rs. 2.44 crores was further revised after the Council decided to go in for centralized airconditioning of the office and the guest house. Taking into account this modification as also the charges of the NBCC, .the estimated cost was worked out to be Rs. 344.00 lakhs.

(d) and (e) The work on office complex is nearing completion. NBCC has undertaken to complete th© administrative block and hand it over to' the Council within, three months after payments are released to them. Work on guest house, hostel and the residence of the Member-Secre. tary is complets in most of the place,

(f) to (h) The Council has informed! that an expenditure of Rs. 4.54 crores has been incurred on the cost of constru^ tion of the building complex till March, 1993. The NBCC has furnished an estimate of Rs. 70.00 lakhs for completion of the construction of administrative block and general development of the area surrounding it. The exact date the Adminis-, trative Block is likely to be completed can be worked out only after the Council is in a position to release funds to the NBCC.

Megal recovery in Navodaya Vidyalayas

3419. SHRI BRAHMADAV ANAND PASWAN:

DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Willl the Minister of HUMAN RE SOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem published in page 5 of Rashtriya Sahara (Delhi) dated 19th June, 1993 under the caption 'Navodaya Vidyalaya Ke Uddeshyon par prashna chinhn, deewar banane Ke nam par gareeb abhibhavak se avaidh wasulee*;

(b) if so, whether Government do not provide assistance for the construction of Navodaya Vidyalayas; whether Government is giving them free hand of make such illegal recovery from the guardians;

(c) if not, what action Government have taken to refund this amount to all guardians; and

(d) what action has been taken against the principal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme including all its construction work, is fully funded by Government of India. However, the boundary wall of each Navodaya Vidyalaya complex is constructed with 50 per cent financial assistance from the State Government concerned. In Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Kasargod, the Parent Teachers Association decided to collect funds on a voluntary basis for construction of the boundary wall as the consent of the State Government to bear 50 per cent cost has not been received.

(c) and (d) The funds had been raised on a voluntary basis by the Parent Teachers Association of the Vidyalaya and no request for refund has been received.

Female Infanticides in Khar

@ 342.0. SHRI S. S, AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bihar has the highest rate of female infanticide in the country;

(b) whether Government have conducted any survey in the recent past in this regard;

(c) if so, what are the results thereof; and

(d) what action Government propose to take to reduce the female infanti. cide in Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI BASAVARAJES-WARI): (a) While female infanticide is understood to be practised in certain parts of the country, there is no data to indicate its extent or state-wise tread.

(b) Government has initiated a mul ticentric nation-wide study of the prob lem. A study of the problem in Bihar has also been sponsored.

(c) The report of the study for Bihar has not been received.

(d) Various programmes of action and advocacy are being implemented by the Government in the country, includ ing Bihar, for the welfare and develop ment of women and girl children. Fur ther, advocacy attempts are also being made 10 project positive images of girl children so as to bring about changes in social attitudes towards them. The Government has also initiated a media campaign to generate awareness in vari ous issues relating to girl children in selected districts of Bihar. A National Plan of Action for the SAARC Decade (1991-2000) of the Girl Child focussing on survival, protection and development of the girl child has been formulated. A special set of interventions for adoles cent girls has been institutionalised through the ICDS infrastructure.

3421. *[Transferred to 23rd August,* 1993]

3422. *[Transferred to 26th August,* 1993]

Expansion of Khetri Smelter Plant

3423. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindustan Copper Ltd. (H.C.L.) propose to expand the Khetri Smelter Plant; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) Hindustan Copper Limited has conceived a

@Previously Unstarred Question 2848, transferred from 18th August, 1993'